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SUBJECT: JOINT WORKING PARTY ON TECHNOLOGY AND
INDUSTRY - STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION

1. ALVAREZ DE TOLEDO, HEAD, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, HAS REQUESTED MISSION TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING DRAFT LETTER TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN SAMUEL SHERWIN FOR COMMENT.

BEGIN TEXT:

FURTHER TO THE PROPOSALS ENDORSED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT ITS 12TH SESSION AND THE APPROVAL BY THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AT ITS 28TH SESSION, A JOINT WORKING PARTY OF THE TWO COMMITTEES ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT SPT(75)15, INDICATE AREAS OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY TO BE EXAMINED, AND DRAW UP A PROPOSED WORK PLAN AND A SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION.

A DRAFT MANDATE FOR THIS WORKING PARTY (DOCUMENT SPT(75)19/IND(75)3) WAS DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO BY THE INDUSTRY
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COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO THE MODIFICATIONS APPROVED IN

SESSION. THE AMENDED TEXT WAS SENT TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL, TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY FOR APPROVAL SO THAT THE MANDATE COULD BE PRESENTED TO THE WORKING PARTY AT ITS FIRST MEETING.

IT IS PROPOSED TO CONVENE THIS MEETING ON MONDAY, 16 FEB. 1976 AT THE CHATEAU DE LA MUETTE IN PARIS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISH OF THE TWO COMMITTEES, THE NOMINATION OF DR. F. SCHEIDEMANN, GERMAN DELEGATE TO THE CPST, AND OF MR. S. SHERWIN, US DELEGATE TO THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, AS CO-CHAIRMEN WILL BE PROPOSED TO THE JOINT WORKING PARTY.

YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT WHETHER YOU WISH TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS MEETING. TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK OF THE GROUP BE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE, IT IS HOPED THAT THE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO CAN BRING TO BEAR SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE ON THIS MATTER WILL PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THIS PREPARATORY WORK. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE INDICATED THAT FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS, THE DELEGATES OF THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN, FRANCE AND SPAIN, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP. IN THE CPST SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE, AND CONTRIBUTING EXPERTISE AND SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE.

IN PREPARATION OF THE MEETING, THE SECRETARIAT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER ASSESS THE POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THESE COUNTRIES COULD MAKE BOTH TO THE METHOD OF APPROACH AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT; WE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER INDICATION YOU MAY WISH TO PROVIDE OF THE POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY IN THIS OR FURTHER PHASES OF THE WORK.

THE RESULTS OF THIS PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT MANDATE. THE DRAFT AGENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS APPROPRIATE WILL BE MAILED IN THE THIRD WEEK OF JANUARY.

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END TEXT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: DAS SHERWIN'S COMMENTS ON TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, MR. DE TOLEDO WISHES GUIDANCE WHETHER LETTER BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF IC AND CSTP.
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